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Prior application:

Examiner: Patrick G. Wamsley

Art Unit: 2819

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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a

- () continuation application of:
(X) divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application Serial No. 09/134,145 filed Aug-14-1998

Title Method Of Inhibiting Copying Of Digital Data By Encoding Decryption Data Within Alternative Channel Bit Selections

Name of applicant(s) Josh Hogan

Copy of Application

- () Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.
(X) Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
() Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- () Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior application Serial No. _____ filed on _____ in _____
() The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____ filed _____
() A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

- (X) Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;

and add the paragraph:

--This is a () continuation (X) divisional

of copending application serial number 09/134,145 filed on Aug-14-1998

Inventorship Statement

- () Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

- () Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent _____
Registration No. _____
() authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record
() the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

- (X) Address all future communications to: Direct telephone calls to:
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Other Amendments

- () Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:
() Cancel the following claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).
() Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Fee Calculation

- (X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility () Design

CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	2 — 20	0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 — 3	0	X \$80	\$ 0
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$270	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design (\$320.00); Utility (\$710.00)				\$ 710
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 710
TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				\$ 710

Charge \$ 710 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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Inventor(s): Josh Hogan

Serial No.: 09/134,145 (parent)

Examiner: Patrick G. Wamsley

Filing Date: 08/14/98 (parent)

Group Art Unit: 2819

Title: ENCODING DECRYPTION DATA INTO A PATTERN OF MERGE BITS

REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

**THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

**REMARKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH CONTINUING APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

The present application is a divisional application of serial number 09/134,145 (filed 08/14/98), which is a divisional application of serial number 08/883,996 (filed 06/27/97, now U.S. Patent No. 5,828,754), which is a divisional application of serial number 08/606,697 (filed 02/26/96, now U.S. Patent No. 5,699,434), which is a continuation-in-part application of serial number 08/570,949 (filed 12/15/95, abandoned).

In serial number 08/606,697, a restriction requirement required election among Group I (claim 1), Group II (claim 2), Group III (claims 7-8), Group IV (claims 9-10), and Group V (claims 11-12). The present divisional application pursues Group V (claims 11-12), renumbered as claims 1-2. The title and the abstract have been changed relative to the immediate parent application to accurately reflect the claims of the present divisional application. The cross-reference to related applications has been updated to accurately reflect the status of the present divisional application. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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